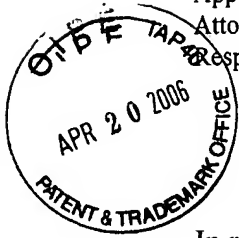


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Sir:

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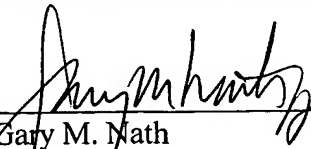
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of April 10, 2006. The one month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire May 10, 2006, making this a timely filed response.

In view of the following response, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner continue to conduct a substantive examination on the merits.

REMARKS

Claims 15 – 27, 29, and 31 are pending in the application. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 15 – 27, 29, and 31 were subjected to an election of species requirement. By this response, an election is made without traverse.